

INDIAN AGENTS.

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MESSAGE

FROM THE

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,

TRANSMITTING,

*In response to a House resolution of the 6th ultimo, a communication from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs respecting certain Indian agents.*

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FEBRUARY 4, 1876.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

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*To the House of Representatives :*

In answer to the resolution of the 6th of January, of the House of Representatives, requesting to be informed "of the number of Indian agents, regular and special, clerks, and other employés in the Indian service, except those on duty in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, and the amounts paid to each as salaries and expenses," I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report dated the 31st ultimo, from the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, together with the statements therein referred to.

U. S. GRANT.

EXECUTIVE MANSION, *February, 1876.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
OFFICE OF INDIAN AFFAIRS,  
*Washington, D. C., January 31, 1876.*

SIR: By Department reference of the 8th instant I am in receipt of a resolution of the House of Representatives of January 6, calling for a statement showing the number of Indian agents, regular and special, clerks, and other employés in the Indian service, except those on duty in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, and the amounts paid to each as salaries and expenses.

In compliance with the requirements of this resolution I have the honor to present herewith the following statement:

## I.

Statement showing the number and compensation of employes in the Office of Indian Affairs, authorized by the act of March 3, 1875. [U. S. Stat. at Large, vol. 18, p. 364.]

## II.

Statement showing the number and compensation of employes of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and the amount expended under their direction for the first six months of the present fiscal year.

## III.

Statement showing the names of the Indian inspectors and the amount advanced to each for traveling expenses during the present fiscal year.

## IV.

Statement showing the names of officers of the Army serving as inspectors of Indian supplies, and the amount allowed to each for his actual expenses during the first six months of the present fiscal year, so far as accounts therefor have been presented to the Office of Indian Affairs for adjustment.

## V.

Statement showing the names of civilian inspectors of Indian supplies, and the amounts paid for their *per diem* and aggregate compensation, as per accounts rendered during the present fiscal year.

## VI.

Statement showing the number of employes of each grade and at each specified salary in the Indian service in each State and Territory.

## VII.

Statement showing, in tabular form, the number of employes in the Indian service in each State and Territory, and the amount of their annual compensation, the same being given both in the aggregate and according to the general division of occupation.

I have the honor to state that, with the exception of Indian inspectors, whose expenses are included in statement III, employes having regular salaries receive no allowance for expenses except when performing special duty outside of that properly devolving upon them. Such cases are somewhat exceptional, being generally those in which clerks employed in this Office are sent into the field, or Indian agents are ordered from their agencies. Inasmuch as an accurate statement of the amounts thus expended can be obtained only by research necessarily involving considerable further delay, and as the time sought to be covered by the resolution of the House does not distinctly appear, I have ventured to return the resolution without a full compliance with this requirement, and to await the further instructions of the House in the matter.

The resolution is herewith returned.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

J. Q. SMITH,  
Commissioner.

The Hon. the SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.

**I.—Statement showing the number and compensation of employes in the Office of Indian Affairs authorized by the act of March 3, 1875. (United States Statutes at Large, vol. 18, p. 364.)**

Commissioner, at \$3,000 .....	\$3,000
Chief clerk, at \$2,000 .....	2,000
Clerks of class four, five, at \$1,800 .....	9,000
Clerks of class three, eight, at \$1,600 .....	12,000
Clerks of class two, thirteen, at \$1,400 .....	18,200
Clerks of class one, thirteen, at \$1,200 .....	15,600
Stenographer, at \$1,600 .....	1,600
Copyists, six, at \$900 .....	5,400
Messenger, one, at \$840 .....	840
Assistant messenger, at \$720 .....	720
Laborer, at \$720 .....	720

**II.—Statement showing the number and compensation of employes of the Board of Indian Commissioners, and the amount expended under their direction for the first six months of the present fiscal year.**

Secretary .....	\$3,000
Assistant secretary .....	2,000
Clerk .....	900
Messenger .....	300

Amount expended by the Board of Indian Commissioners for the first six months of the present fiscal year, \$22,941.88.

**III.—Statement showing the names of the Indian inspectors, and the amount advanced to each for traveling expenses during the present fiscal year.**

To E. C. Kemble .....	\$2,000
To Wm. Vandever .....	1,750
To E. C. Watkins .....	2,250

NOTE.—The annual compensation of the Indian inspectors is fixed by law at \$3,000.

**IV.—Statement showing the names of officers of the Army serving as inspectors of Indian supplies, and the amount allowed to each for his actual expenses during the first six months of the present fiscal year, so far as accounts therefor have been presented to the Office of Indian Affairs for adjustment.**

State.	Name of officer.	Place of inspection.	Amount allowed for expenses.
Idaho .....	Capt. A. H. Bainbridge .....	Fort Hall .....	.....
Do .....	Lieut. Thos. B. Briggs .....	do .....	\$118 48
Iowa .....	Capt. Charles E. McClure .....	Sioux City .....	696 60
Missouri .....	Capt. J. H. Gilman .....	Kansas City .....	350 70
Montana .....	Col. John Gibbon .....	Fort Shaw .....	300 00
Do .....	Capt. Edward Ball .....	Fort Ellis .....	.....
Do .....	Capt. C. Williams .....	Fort Benton .....	63 18
Oregon .....	Lieut. William H. Boyle .....	Portland .....	750 00
Wyoming .....	Capt. R. E. Eskridge .....	Cheyenne .....	1,000 00

**V.—Statement showing the names of civilian inspectors of Indian supplies, and the amounts paid for their per diem, and aggregate compensation, as per accounts rendered during the present fiscal year.**

State.	Name.	Place of inspection.	Compensation.	
			Per diem.	Aggregate.
California .....	Henry Cox .....	San Francisco .....	\$8 00	\$432 00
Minnesota .....	A. L. Larpenteur .....	Saint Paul .....	5 00	454 70

## INDIAN AGENTS.

VI.—Statement showing the number of employes of each grade and at each specified salary in the Indian service in each State and Territory.

## ARIZONA.

7 agents at \$1,500.....	\$10,500
6 physicians: 3 at \$1,500; 1 at \$1,400; 1 at \$1,200; 1 at \$600.....	7,700
3 clerks at \$1,000.....	3,000
9 teachers: 1 at \$1,000; 2 at \$900; 1 at \$840; 2 at \$750; 2 at \$600; 1 at \$200.....	6,540
12 skilled laborers: 1 at \$1,200; 9 at \$1,000; 1 at \$750; 1 at \$720.....	11,670
10 common laborers: 2 at \$750; 6 at \$600; 1 at \$540; 1 at \$360.....	6,000
1 school matron at \$750.....	750
7 interpreters at \$400.....	2,800
Total for Arizona.....	48,960

## CALIFORNIA.

3 agents, 1 special agent; 4 at \$1,500.....	6,000
3 physicians at \$1,200.....	3,600
1 clerk at \$900.....	900
3 teachers: 1 at \$900; 1 at \$800; 1 at \$700.....	2,400
11 skilled laborers: 1 at \$1,000; 6 at \$900; 1 at \$800; 3 at \$750.....	8,550
4 common laborers: 1 at \$700; 1 at \$540; 2 at \$480.....	2,200
Total for California.....	23,650

## COLORADO.

2 agents at \$1,500; 1 special agent at \$1,200.....	4,200
1 physician at \$1,400.....	1,400
2 teachers: 1 at \$900; 1 at \$700.....	1,600
10 skilled laborers: 6 at \$950; 1 at \$1,000; 3 at \$900.....	9,400
4 common laborers: 1 at \$750; 3 at \$600.....	2,550
2 interpreters at \$500.....	1,000
Total for Colorado.....	20,150

## DAKOTA.

12 agents at \$1,500.....	18,000
6 physicians: 3 at \$1,200; 1 at \$1,100; 2 at \$1,400.....	7,500
7 clerks: 4 at \$1,000; 2 at \$900; 1 at \$600.....	6,300
7 teachers: 1 at \$900; 1 at \$800; 1 at \$720; 2 at \$600; 2 at \$360.....	3,930
29 skilled laborers: 11 at \$1,000; 6 at \$900; 3 at \$800; 2 at \$780; 4 at \$720; 3 at \$600.....	25,040
17 common laborers: 1 at \$900; 1 at \$840; 2 at \$800; 7 at \$600; 1 at \$540; 2 at \$450; 1 at \$480; 1 at \$400; 1 at \$300.....	10,160
12 interpreters at \$400.....	4,800
Total for Dakota.....	75,780

## IDAHO.

2 agents at \$1,500.....	3,000
2 physicians: 1 at \$1,200; 1 at \$1,000.....	2,200
2 interpreters at \$500.....	1,000
6 teachers: 1 at \$1,000; 1 at \$900; 2 at \$850; 2 at \$450.....	4,500
13 skilled laborers: 4 at \$1,000; 4 at \$900; 3 at \$850; 1 at \$800; 1 at \$600.....	11,550
6 common laborers: 2 at \$500; 1 at \$600; 1 at \$480; 2 at \$420.....	3,520
Total for Idaho.....	25,770

## INDIAN TERRITORY.

7 agents, 1 special agent; 8 at \$1,500.....	12,000
5 physicians: 1 at \$1,400; 4 at \$1,200.....	6,200
7 clerks: 1 at \$1,500; 4 at \$1,000; 1 at \$720; 1 at \$600.....	6,820
13 teachers: 2 at \$800; 1 at \$750; 2 at \$700; 4 at \$600; 1 at \$480; 2 at \$400; 1 at \$360.....	7,790

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30 skilled laborers: 1 at \$1,000; 9 at \$900; 4 at \$850; 2 at \$800; 1 at \$780; 1 at \$700; 5 at \$600; 4 at \$580; 1 at \$1,200; 2 at \$240.....	\$22, 180
31 common laborers: 1 at \$650; 11 at \$600; 2 at \$500; 1 at \$480; 2 at \$450; 3 at \$400; 4 at \$360; 7 at \$300.....	14, 370
8 interpreters at \$400.....	3, 200
Total for Indian Territory.....	72, 560

## IOWA.

1 agent at \$500.....	500
1 teacher at \$800.....	800
Total for Iowa.....	1, 300

## KANSAS.

1 agent at \$1,500.....	1, 500
1 physician at \$1,000.....	1, 000
1 superintendent Indian affairs at \$2,000.....	2, 000
2 clerks: 1 at \$1,600; 1 at \$600.....	2, 200
4 teachers: 2 at \$600; 1 at \$480; 1 at \$700.....	2, 380
5 skilled laborers: 2 at \$900; 1 at \$720; 2 at \$480.....	3, 480
14 common laborers: 2 at \$400; 4 at \$300; 1 at \$240; 1 at \$200; 5 at \$180; 1 at \$350.....	3, 700
Total for Kansas.....	16, 260

## MICHIGAN.

1 agent at \$1,500.....	1, 500
6 teachers at \$1,400.....	2, 400
1 laborer at \$360.....	360
2 interpreters at \$400.....	800
Total for Michigan.....	5, 060

## MINNESOTA.

1 agent, 2 special agents, at \$1,500.....	4, 500
2 physicians at \$1,200.....	2, 400
2 clerks at \$1,000.....	2, 000
6 teachers: 1 at \$800; 1 at \$500; 1 at \$420; 2 at \$360; 1 at \$300.....	2, 740
7 skilled laborers: 2 at \$900; 5 at \$800.....	5, 800
7 common laborers: 1 at \$600; 1 at \$540; 2 at \$480; 1 at \$360; 2 at \$200.....	2, 860
4 interpreters at \$400.....	1, 600
Total for Minnesota.....	21, 900

## MONTANA.

4 agents, 1 special agent, at \$1,500.....	7, 500
4 physicians: 3 at \$1,400; 1 at \$1,200.....	5, 400
4 clerks at \$1,000.....	4, 000
10 teachers: 1 at \$1,200; 3 at \$900; 1 at \$750; 3 at \$600; 2 at \$300.....	7, 050
17 skilled laborers: 1 at \$1,200; 2 at \$1,000; 10 at \$900; 2 at \$850; 1 at \$780; 1 at \$720.....	15, 400
16 common laborers: 1 at \$750; 2 at \$720; 13 at \$600.....	9, 990
5 interpreters at \$400.....	2, 000
Total for Montana.....	51, 340

## NEBRASKA.

1 superintendent at \$2,000.....	2, 000
6 agents at \$1,500.....	9, 000
2 physicians at \$1,000.....	2, 000
2 clerks: 1 at \$1,200; 1 at \$480.....	1, 680
13 teachers: 3 at \$900; 4 at \$700; 1 at \$600; 3 at \$500; 2 at \$450.....	8, 200
21 skilled laborers: 4 at \$1,000; 7 at \$900; 4 at \$800; 2 at \$750; 3 at \$600; 1 at \$500.....	17, 300

## INDIAN AGENTS.

16 common laborers: 3 at \$600; 2 at \$500; 1 at \$400; 2 at \$360; 2 at \$350; 6 at \$300; 1 at \$240; 1 at \$200; 1 at \$120.....	\$6,980
7 interpreters at \$400.....	2,800

Total for Nebraska..... 49,960

## NEW MEXICO.

5 agents at \$1,500.....	7,500
4 physicians: 1 at \$1,400; 2 at \$1,200; 1 at \$600.....	4,400
3 clerks: 2 at \$720; 1 at \$480.....	1,920
2 teachers: 1 at \$900; 1 at \$400.....	1,300
6 skilled laborers: 4 at \$720; 1 at \$1,000; 1 at \$500.....	4,380
12 common laborers: 2 at \$720; 2 at \$700; 4 at \$600; 2 at \$480; 2 at \$300...	6,800
7 interpreters at \$500.....	3,500

Total for New Mexico..... 29,800

## NEW YORK.

1 agent at \$1,500.....	1,500
2 physicians: 1 at \$1,000; 1 at \$200.....	1,200
1 clerk at \$200.....	200

Total for New York..... 2,900

## NEVADA.

2 agents at \$1,500.....	3,000
1 physician at \$1,200.....	1,200
1 clerk at \$1,000.....	1,000
1 teacher at \$600.....	600
6 skilled laborers: 3 at \$1,000; 3 at \$900.....	5,700
1 common laborer at \$600.....	600
3 interpreters at \$500.....	1,500

Total for Nevada..... 13,600

## NORTH CAROLINA.

1 special agent at \$1,500.....	1,500
2 teachers at \$360.....	720

Total for North Carolina..... 2,220

## OREGON.

6 agents, 1 special agent, at \$1,500.....	10,500
4 physicians: 3 at \$1,200; 1 at \$1,000.....	4,600
10 teachers: 1 at \$400; 4 at \$900; 2 at \$850; 1 at \$800; 1 at \$600; 1 at \$500..	7,600
24 skilled laborers: 13 at \$1,000; 7 at \$900; 3 at \$1,100; 2 at \$800.....	24,200
2 common laborers at \$500.....	1,000
7 interpreters at \$400.....	2,800

Total for Oregon..... 50,700

## UTAH.

1 agent at \$1,500.....	\$1,500
1 teacher at \$900.....	900
2 skilled laborers at \$1,000.....	2,000
6 common laborers: 1 at \$750; 5 at 600.....	3,750
1 interpreter at \$500.....	500

Total for Utah..... 8,650

## WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

5 agents, 2 special agents: 7, at \$1,500.....	10,500
6 physicians: 2 at \$1,400; 2 at \$1,200; 1 at \$1,000; 1 at \$600.....	6,800
2 clerks: 1 at \$900; 1 at \$600.....	1,500

## INDIAN AGENTS.

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10 teachers: 3 at \$1,000; 3 at \$900; 1 at \$800; 2 at \$500; 1 at \$200.....	\$7,700
19 skilled laborers: 5 at \$1,000; 11 at \$900; 3 at \$800.....	17,300
4 common laborers: 1 at \$720; 2 at \$600; 1 at \$500.....	2,420
6 interpreters, at \$500.....	3,000

Total for Washington Territory..... 49,220

## WISCONSIN.

2 agents at \$1,500.....	3,000
10 teachers: 4 at \$500; 6 at \$400.....	4,400
13 skilled laborers: 1 at \$700; 2 at \$600; 6 at \$500; 1 at \$800; 3 at \$240.....	6,420
1 common laborer at \$360.....	360
3 interpreters at \$400.....	1,200

Total for Wisconsin..... 15,380

## WYOMING.

1 agent at \$1,504.....	1,500
1 physician at \$600.....	600
8 skilled laborers: 3 at \$1,000; 4 at \$900; 1 at \$600.....	7,200
1 interpreter at \$500.....	500

Total for Wyoming..... 9,800



VII.—Statement showing the number and pay of employes at the United States Indian agencies.

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State or Territory.	Aggregate amount.	Superintendents.		Agents.		Clerks.		Interpreters.		Medical service.		Educational service.		Skilled labor.		Common labor.	
		No.	Compensation.	No.	Compensation.	No.	Compensation.	No.	Compensation.	No.	Compensation.	No.	Compensation.	No.	Compensation.	No.	Compensation.
Arizona.....	\$42,960			7	\$10,500	3	\$3,000	7	\$2,800	6	\$7,700	10	\$7,290	12	\$11,670	10	\$6,000
California.....	23,650			4	6,000	1	900			3	3,600	3	2,400	11	8,550	4	2,200
Colorado.....	20,150			3	4,200			2	1,000	1	1,400	2	1,600	10	9,400	4	2,550
Dakota.....	75,780			12	18,000	7	6,300	12	4,800	6	7,500	7	3,980	29	25,040	17	10,160
Idaho.....	25,770			2	3,000			2	1,000	2	2,200	6	4,500	13	11,550	6	3,520
Indian Territory.....	72,560			8	12,000	7	6,820	8	3,200	5	6,200	13	7,790	30	22,180	31	14,370
Iowa.....	6,300			1	500							1	800				
Kansas.....	16,260	1	\$2,000	1	1,500	2	2,200			1	1,000	4	2,380	5	3,480	14	3,700
Michigan.....	5,060			1	1,500			2	800			6	2,400			1	360
Minnesota.....	21,900			3	4,500	2	2,000	4	1,600	2	2,400	6	2,740	7	5,800	7	2,860
Montana.....	51,340			5	7,500	4	4,000	5	2,000	4	5,400	10	7,050	17	15,400	16	9,990
Nebraska.....	49,960	1	2,000	6	9,000	2	1,680	7	2,800	2	2,000	13	8,200	21	17,300	16	6,980
New Mexico.....	29,800			5	7,500	3	1,920	7	3,500	4	4,400	2	1,300	6	4,380	12	6,800
New York.....	2,900			1	1,500	1	200			2	1,200						
Nevada.....	13,600			2	3,000	1	1,000	3	1,500	1	1,200	1	600	6	5,700	1	600
North Carolina.....	2,220			1	1,500							2	720				
Oregon.....	50,700			7	10,500			7	2,800	4	4,600	10	7,600	24	24,200	2	1,000
Utah.....	8,650			1	1,500			1	500			1	900	2	2,000	6	3,750
Washington Territory.....	49,220			7	10,500	2	1,500	6	3,000	6	6,800	10	7,700	19	17,300	4	2,420
Wisconsin.....	15,380			2	3,000			3	1,200			10	4,400	13	6,420	1	360
Wyoming.....	9,800			1	1,500			1	500	1	600			8	7,200		
Total.....	594,960	2	4,000	80	118,700	35	31,520	77	33,000	50	58,200	117	74,350	233	197,570	152	77,620

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